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SUBJECT: MBFR:JAN 26 SPC MEETING:AHG REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE

REF: (A) USNATO 666 DTG 201430Z JAN 78, (B) USNATO 746
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SUMMARY: JAN 26 SPC DROPPED THE COLON IN PARA 3 BUT
THE LANGUAGE FOR A PREFATORY SENTENCE IN PARA 2 IS
STILL AT ISSUE.
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ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARA 7. END SUMMARY.
1. AFTER LENGTHY JAN 26 SPC DISCUSSION:
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- --THE COLON IN PARA 3 WAS REMOVED AND THE TEXT NOW
READS AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED;
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- --THE BELGIANS AND FRG WERE UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE US
LANGUAGE PROPOSED JAN 23 FOR THE OPENING SENTENCE TO
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PARA 2, BUT PUT FORWARD "ON A PERSONAL BASIS" TWO ALTER-
NATIVE FORMULATIONS (TEXTS IN PARA 4);
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- --THE FRG REP AGREED THAT "THE WORDING AND THE TIMING"
OF THE SUBSEQUENT UNILATERAL STATEMENT ON FUTURE DIS-
CUSSIONS (PARA 5, II, REF A) COULD BE LEFT UP TO THE AHG.
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2. US REP INTRODUCED THE "RETROACTIVE NUANCE" IN PARA 2, REF C, APPLAUDED THE FRG'S MOVE ON PARA 3, AND ACKNOWLEDGED BONN'S ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY REGARDING THE SUBSEQUENT UNILATERAL STATEMENT. PER PARA 2, REF C, WE CONTINUED TO INSIST ON A PREFATORY STATEMENT TO PARA 2. BUT NOTED THAT IF ADOPTED, WE COULD AGREE TO ACCEPTING THE TRUNCATED FRG DISCLAIMER IN PARA 4 (PER PARA 4, REF C).

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3. BALANCE OF SPC DISCUSSION WAS DEVOTED TO AN INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF THE ORDER OF EVENTS, THE "PROBING" TIME LIMIT (IF ANY), AND AMOUNT OF FLEXIBILITY TO BE WRITTEN INTO THE EVENTUAL AHG GUIDANCE. WE DREW ON PARAS 7 AND 8 OF REF C, AND BELIEVE THE EXISTING GUIDANCE ON THIS TOPIC WILL SUFFICE FOR AT LEAST ONE MORE SESSION. WE ALSO DREW FULLY ON PARA 5, REF C, RE THE PROPOSED FRG ANNEX,BUT FOR THE TIME BEING FRG REP COULD DO NO MORE THAN AGREE TO PASS THESE POINTS ON TO BONN.

4. TEXT OF THE TWO ALTERNATIVE FORMULATIONS FOR PARA 2:

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- --THE BELGIAN REP PROPOSED (WE HAVE BEEN TOLD IN CONFIDENCE THAT THIS LANGUAGE ORIGINATED WITH WILLOT) THAT PARA 2 BEGIN AS FOLLOWS:

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- "THE WESTERN PARTICIPANTS AGREE TO EXCHANGE THE DATA DESCRIBED BY THE EASTERN REPRESENTATIVE, THAT IS,

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ON THE GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL...(ETC., PER REVISED FRG TEXT.);

- --THE FRG REP PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE BE INSERTED AFTER THE FIRST TWO SENTENCES OF PARA 2:

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- "...MULTI-LATERAL HEADQUARTERS. THIS LIST OF DATA CORRESPONDS TO THE LIST OF DATA JUST DESCRIBED BY THE EASTERN REPRESENTATIVE. IN ADDITION, ...(ETC., PER REVISED FRG TEXT).

5. UNDER "OTHER BUSINESS", DUTCH REP REQUESTED WG STAFF GROUP TO EXAMINE THE IMPACT ON EXISTING DATA OF THE PLANNED US INCREASE OF GROUND FORCES IN EUROPE (STATE 14401) AND, IN ANTICIPATION OF EASTERN CRITICISM IN VIENNA, TO PRODUCE AN ESTIMATE OF WP INCREASES OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.

6. COMMENT: AS WE NOTED IN PARA 9, REF B, THE THEME AND VARIATIONS ON PARA 2 ARE NOW BEING RUNG OUT. THE FRG REP CLAIMS THAT BONN IS UNABLE TO ACCEPT ANY REFERENCE, NO MATTER HOW OBLIQUE, TO THE EASTERN PROPOSAL BECAUSE ITS LANGUAGE IMPLIES NATIONAL SUB-CEILINGS. WE ARGUED (PER 11D, STATE 10511) THAT THE EAST REQUIRED SOME ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ITS "CONCESSION", AND HELD OUT THE

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PROMISE OF A DISCLAIMER IF THIS WOULD FACILITATE FRG
ACCEPTANCE. THE PARA 2 ISSUE, HOWEVER, REMAINS UNRE-
SOLVED, BUT THE BALANCE OF THE TEXT IS NOW BASICALLY
AGREED.
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7. ACTION REQUESTED: BY OOB JAN 30:
- --COMMENTS ON BELGIAN/FRG LANGUAGE FOR PARA 2, AND/OR
ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS; AND
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- --COMMENTS ON,OR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT, FRG
PROPOSAL REGARDING THE "FLEXIBLE RESPONSE" APPROACH

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TO THE SUBSEQUENT UNILATERAL DISCLAIMER.
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8. NEXT SPC MEETING IS JAN 30. BENNETT

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